

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
H Street, NE, Retail Priority Area

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

H STREET, NE, RETAIL PRIORITY AREA PROJECT GRANT

The District's Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (ODMPED) invites the submission of applications for the H Street, NE, Retail Priority Area Project Grant authorized under "H Street, N.E., Retail Priority Area Incentive Act of 2010 effective April 8, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-354; D.C. Official Code § 1-325.171 et seq.), as amended by the "H Street NE Retail Priority Area Incentive Amendment Act of 2012", effective September 20, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-168).

Grant funds purpose and availability:

The purpose of the H Street, N.E., Retail Priority Area Grant (H Street RPAG) is to support small business development, increase the tax base and create new jobs for District Residents along the H Street corridor. DMPED will be awarding individual grants up to a maximum of \$85,000 each to support and foster growth amongst small businesses along the corridor. Grant funds may be utilized to reimburse the grantee for the purposes of improving the subject property or purchasing equipment that will be used onsite.

Eligible organizations and entities:

Eligible applicants include retail businesses engaged in the sale of home furnishings, apparel, books, art, groceries, and general merchandise goods to specialized customers or service-oriented businesses providing a direct service to specialized customers or artistic endeavors, such as art galleries, theaters, or performing arts centers. Special consideration shall be given to retail businesses that include entrepreneurial and innovative retail elements. **Eligible retail development projects shall not include liquor stores, restaurants, nightclubs, phone stores, or businesses with 20 or more locations in the United States.**

Eligible applicants must possess all of the following prior to an award being made:

1. Site control of the property either through fee simple ownership of the site or through an executed contract or lease with the property owner;
2. Direct frontage on the H Street, N.E., corridor from 3rd Street, N.E., to 15th Street, N.E.(or provide technical assistance to these businesses);
3. Adherence to design, construction, and rehabilitation requirements as defined by DMPED per the Great Streets Initiative.

Prior to the execution of a grant agreement, the grantee must enter into a First Source Agreement with the District's Department of Employment Services.

The Request for Applications will be released on **Monday, February 4, 2013**. Applicants must submit a completed online application via online to DMPED by **Monday, April 22, 2013 by 5:00 p.m.**

DMPED will hold an informational session at **Douglas Memorial United Methodist Church**, 800 11th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 on **Wednesday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m.**

Applicants must complete an application available on-line at the ODMPED website: www.dmped.dc.gov (Please look at Opportunities, then Grant Opportunities)

All inquiries should be directed to LaToya Hampton at (202) 724-7648 or latoya.hampton@dc.gov.

H Street RPAG Eligible Areas: H Street, N.E., Retail Priority Area as defined in section 2(2) of the Great Streets Neighborhood Retail Priority Areas Approval Resolution of 2007, effective July 10, 2007 (Res. 17-257; 54 DCR 7194), which includes the parcels, squares, and lots within the area bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the center lines of Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Columbus Circle, N.E., and 1st Street, N.E.; continuing northeast along the center line of 1st Street, N.E., to the center line of K Street, N.E.; continuing east along the center line of K Street, N.E., to the center line of Florida Avenue, N.E.; continuing southeast along the center line of Florida Avenue, N.E., to the center line of Staples Street, N.E.; continuing northeast along the center line of Staples Street, N.E., to the center line of Oates Street, N.E.; continuing southeast along the center line of Oates Street, N.E., until the point where Oates Street, N.E., becomes K Street, N.E.; continuing east along the center line of K Street, N.E., to the center line of 17th Street, N.E.; continuing south along the center line of 17th Street, N.E., to the center line of Gales Street, N.E.; continuing northwest along the center line of Gales Street, N.E., to the center line of 15th Street, N.E.; continuing south along the center line of 15th Street, N.E., to the center line of F Street, N.E.; continuing west along F Street, N.E., to the center line of Columbus Circle, N.E.; and continuing south and circumferentially along the center line of Columbus Circle, N.E., to the beginning point.

